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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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1. Sato N., et al. "Discovery of novel targets for aberrant methylation in pancreatic carcinoma using high-throughput microarrays," Cancer Research, Vol. 63, No. 13, pages 3735-3742 (July 1, 2003).
2. Hagihara A., et al. "Identification of 27 5' CpG islands aberrantly methylated and 13 genes silenced in human pancreatic cancers," Oncogene, Vol. 23, No. 53, pages 8705-8710 (November 11, 2004).
3. WO 03/076594 A to The Johns Hopkins University published September 18, 2003.

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Supplementary European Search Report citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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